

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troops in EberswaldeEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT                     DATE OBTAINED                     DATE PREPARED 21 March 1952REFERENCES                     PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     

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1. On 22 February 1952, a train of 5 boxcars and 5 flatcars was loaded with about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, 2 sidecar motorcycles and trucks                      at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) freight station.

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2. On 22 February, the western section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Heerstrasse housed a high echelon headquarters staffed with numerous officers, including some with tank or signal insignia, and uniformed women who wore black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia.

                     On 22 February, the eastern section of the Schuetzen Kaserne, fronting Tramper Chaussee, was occupied by about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery, and signal insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. A total of about 280 troops organized into 12 groups, with one group of soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets and the other groups of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen marching from the barracks installation to the nearby training field. The troops were equipped with small arms, battery commander's telescopes and signal equipment. About 150 soldiers were engaged in drill at platoon level in the barracks yard where four model M-13 rocket launchers were parked. Model M-13 rocket launcher                      moved out of the installation on 20 February.                     

3. On 21 February, the Artillerie Kaserne on Feienwalder Strasse quartered about 4,000 troops. Most of them wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and some wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. All buildings were lighted in the evening. In the billeting area                      observed for the first time five uniformed women with red-bordered black epaulets who wore

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obviously quartered in the former German NCO billets on Waldstrasse. These billets were included in the billeting area of the Artillerie Kaserne. A total of 110 troops, organized into five groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying small arms, were seen marching from the installation to the training field on 18 February. JS-1 tank [ ] and SP gun [ ] were parked in the barracks yard. [ ]

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4. On 23 February, the former Mitteldutsche Elektrizitaetswerk (power plant (MEW) at Klein-Bahnhof quartered a unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. A heavy AA gun of about 85-mm, 10 trucks and 1 tank truck were seen in the yard. [ ]

5. On 30 January 1952, the MEW at Klein-Bahnhof quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 15 soldiers were engaged in firing practice in the yard. Eleven trucks [ ] and radio truck [ ] were parked there. \*

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7. On 5 February 1952, the hutment at Duesterwinkel-Bruecke on the south bank of the Hohenzollernkanal (canal) quartered a unit of soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets including some with engineer insignia. About 25 FM and a few officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were noticed in the billeting area.

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Comment. Compared with information of early there have apparently been no changes in the occupation of the military installations mentioned until February 1952.

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